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In re application of:

Masamoto TAGO et al.

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SYSTEM SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 29, 2003

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of June 23, 2003, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed July 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.